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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Light Squared Subsidiary, LLC Ex Parte Communication. IB Docket No. 11-109 IBSF File No. SAT-MOD-20101118-00239

Ms. Secretary,

I am sure you are aware of the proposals of Light Squared to implement a GPS based communications network; you probably have even received many letters similar to the one in which I am writing. Being a small business owner in Wisconsin that relies on the GPS industry to conduct a majority of work, I animatedly **oppose** the Light Squared proposal.

It has come to my attention that independent studies have shown that the GPS band Light Squared proposes to use will interfere with the high precision equipment that we as surveyors use. Not only will this render the equipment we have spent a small fortune on useless, it will drive up cost for us to do business (a cost that doesn't need to occur in such hard economic times). It is also important to note the importance of data that surveyors produce is used by hundreds of thousands of people (highway design, seismic testing, air traffic control, private boundaries, etc....). I know it is often the case that the "Golden Rule" (whoever has the most gold makes the rules) governs in Washington (to be oblivious to that notion would be naive), and if that is truly the case the small business owner like myself will always lose to large companies such as Light Squared. It is my hope that the FCC will take into consideration the detrimental consequences to our industry that will take place if Light Squared is allowed to go forward without proving that it and high precision GPS devices can co-exist.

Thank You,

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